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SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement and Final Conformity Determination for the Koi Nation of Northern California's Proposed Shiloh Resort and Casino Project, Sonoma County, California

Dear Ms. Dutschke and Mr. Broussard:

The Town of Windsor respectfully requests an additional 45 days to review the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Koi Nation Shiloh Resort and Casino Project, beyond the standard 30-day comment period. This would allow the BIA to receive comments on the FEIS up to February 6, 2025, after which date the BIA may issue its Record of Decision.

The Town appreciates the Bureau of Indian Affairs' commitment to ensuring that all potentially affected parties have the opportunity to provide meaningful input, and the Town believes this extension is necessary to facilitate a thorough and informed review of the FEIS.

The FEIS is a voluminous and highly technical document that includes extensive appendices and detailed responses to comments in Appendix P, which itself is thousands of pages in length. A thorough review is essential to ensure that all issues raised by the Town of Windsor in its comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) have been adequately addressed. This process requires sufficient time to analyze the technical material and evaluate the adequacy of proposed mitigation measures.

Reviewing the FEIS also requires coordination with local agencies, technical consultants, and subject matter experts. These experts are critical to providing the Town with insights on the Traffic Impact Study, water resource assessments, public safety provisions, and other key components of the FEIS. The additional time would allow the Town to fully engage with these associates and incorporate their input into its assessment, particularly during the holiday season when availability for consultation tends to be more constrained.

The Town's review must include a detailed cross-referencing of the responses in Appendix P with the comments submitted on the DEIS. Initial analysis suggests that many concerns raised in the Town's comment letter may not have been fully addressed. Additional time is necessary to ensure that all responses are properly evaluated and any remaining issues are identified and articulated.

Extending the review period would promote transparency and accountability in the environmental review process. This is particularly important given the significant public interest in this project and the need to ensure that all concerns have been thoroughly examined and addressed in the FEIS.

The Town of Windsor is committed to working collaboratively with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and other interested parties to ensure that the environmental review process is comprehensive and that all potential impacts are fully understood. The Town respectfully requests this additional time to conduct a detailed review and provide meaningful feedback.

Thank you for considering this request. If you have questions or require additional information, please contact me: Patrick Streeter, Community Development Director, at pstreeter@townofwindsor.com or at (707) 838-5313.

Sincerely,



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cc: Jon Davis, Windsor Town Manager;
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